In the Claims:

Claims 1-25:   (Canceled).

26.   (Currently Amended)   A method for remote monitoring of a premises, said method comprising:

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

operatively coupling said remote client to a security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

verifying the identification of said user of said remote client;

transmitting an access token from said security system server to said remote client;

said security system server providing said security gateway with information about said user and said access token; and

~~activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring; and~~

transferring information between said security gateway and said remote client, said security gateway generating a signal, at said premises, for notifying an occupant of said premises that remote monitoring is occurring during transfers of information from said security gateway to said remote client;

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wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said premises;

wherein said access token is adapted to allow said remote client to access said security gateway based on said user's permission profile;

wherein said user's permission profile is created by a general administrator of said security gateway; and

wherein said access token expires at a designated time and date.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for remote monitoring of a premises, said method comprising:

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

operatively coupling said remote client to a security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

verifying the identification of said user of said remote client;

transmitting an access token from said security system server to said remote client;

said security system server providing said security gateway with information about said user and said access token; and

~~activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring; and~~

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transferring information between said security gateway and said remote client, said security gateway generating a signal, at said premises, for notifying an occupant of said premises that remote monitoring is occurring during transfers of information from said security gateway to said remote client;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said premises;

wherein said access token is adapted to allow said remote client to access said security gateway based on said user's permission profile;

wherein said user's permission profile is created by a general administrator of said security gateway; and

wherein said access token expires after a designated length of time has elapsed.

28.   (Currently Amended)   A method for remote monitoring of a premises, said method comprising:

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

operatively coupling said remote client to a security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

verifying the identification of said user of said remote client;

transmitting an access token from said security system server to said remote client;

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said security system server providing said security gateway with information about said user and said access token; and

~~activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring; and~~

transferring information between said security gateway and said remote client, said security gateway generating a signal, at said premises, for notifying an occupant of said premises that remote monitoring is occurring during transfers of information from said security gateway to said remote client;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said premises;

wherein said access token is adapted to allow said remote client to access said security gateway based on said user's permission profile;

wherein said user's permission profile is created by a general administrator of said security gateway; and

wherein said access token expires after a designated number of accesses have occurred.

Claims 29-59: (Canceled).

60.   (New) The method of claim 26, wherein said security gateway generates said signal whenever said security gateway is streaming data, in substantially real time, to said remote client.

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61.   (New) The method of claim 26, wherein transmitting an access token from said security system server to said remote client and said security system server providing said security gateway with information about said user and said access token further comprises:

transmitting a first access token from said security system server to said remote client;

transmitting a second access token from said security system server to said security gateway, said security gateway enabling operative coupling of said remote client to said security gateway if said first token transmitted to said remote client matches said second access token transmitted to said security gateway.

62.   (New) The method of claim 61, wherein said security gateway generates said signal whenever said security gateway is streaming data, in substantially real time, to said remote client.

63.   (New) The method of claim 27, wherein said security gateway generates said signal whenever said security gateway is streaming data, in substantially real time, to said remote client.

64.   (New) The method of claim 27, wherein transmitting an access token from said security system server to said remote client and said security system server providing said security gateway with information about said user and said access token further comprises:

transmitting a first access token from said security system server to said remote client;

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transmitting a second access token from said security system server to said security gateway, said security gateway enabling operative coupling of said remote client to said security gateway if said first token transmitted to said remote client matches said second access token transmitted to said security gateway.

65.   (New)   The method of claim 64, wherein said security gateway generates said signal whenever said security gateway is streaming data, in substantially real time, to said remote client.

66.   (New)   The method of claim 28, wherein said security gateway generates said signal whenever said security gateway is streaming data, in substantially real time, to said remote client.

67.   (New)   The method of claim 28, wherein transmitting an access token from said security system server to said remote client and said security system server providing said security gateway with information about said user and said access token further comprises:

transmitting a first access token from said security system server to said remote client;

transmitting a second access token from said security system server to said security gateway, said security gateway enabling operative coupling of said remote client to said security gateway if said first token transmitted to said remote client matches said second access token transmitted to said security gateway.

68.   (New)   The method of claim 67, wherein said security gateway generates said signal whenever said security gateway is streaming data, in substantially real time, to said remote client.